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discussion of the Thompson amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Chambers, I should have taken advantage a little while ago of your offer, because I would have requested then that you not bash our National Guard. And, Senator Chambers, I'm quite angry. I'm trying to stay calm. These are our citizens. They are not the Pentagon. They are not spending humongous, horrendous, horrible amounts for ordinary everyday items. I have watched them up close and I sincerely believe that they are very dedicated and they are very honest and trustworthy. And the administration of the tuition program has been excellent. They can only give up to the amount of UNL tuition. They are not going to go crazy. They have very adequately and professionally decided how many of these scholarships they can give in accordance with the cap, and they have tried to make it all fit over the years. They are at the point where they are running out of money to meet the needs. Senator Chambers, I just have to stress, I've watched Nebraskans get ready to go over to Kosovo and Bosnia and Iraq, and I've gone to those going away ceremonies, and they're very, very difficult for the families involved. I've watched the coming home ceremonies, and I've watched people's...people trying to adjust back into civilian life. We're asking a lot of these men and women, and I don't think that we're going to waste any of our money on tuition programs for any of these young people. And I'm sorry, but this discussion has gotten totally out of hand this morning, totally out of hand, and I would just ask that we proceed in a reasonable manner. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Thompson, on your amendment, followed by Senator Chambers and Janssen.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to clarify. There was a question. What this...the way this will now read is, "Any member of the National Guard who enrolls in any state-supported university, college, or community college or any independent, not-for-profit, regionally accredited college or university in this state shall be entitled to a credit of," and then "up to 100 percent." It's...the amendment is to the